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Fun Day

Men On the Serious Side are sponsoring a Back to School Fun Day on Saturday, August 12 at Tanner Park in South Bay.
School supplies will be given away and there will be games and activities and food and drinks. The event will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
For more information,

For more information, call Jeffrey Henry at 996-8464 or Mike Cromer at 924-2956.

School supply give
away is Aug. 12
School supplies will be
given to local children on
August 12 beginning at 8
am. at Shiloh Missionary
Baptist Church in Pahokee.
This annual school
supply give away is sponsored by Gel Carolyn
Brown and the Glades
Ebonique Ladies Club.
Member of the GEL club
will be in attendance at the
give away. Parents are
saked to bring the
children to this event.
For more information
contact Carolyn Brown,
Mary Pringle or Myrtice
Cade.

Story times

The Belle Glade Branch
Library will offer Summer
Story Times through July
29, for ages 2-12. Preregistration is required.
Please call 996-3453 for
dates, times and more
informatics.

Registration/Open House at Glade View

Glade View Elementary will hold registration on Aug. 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria for Pre K through 5th grade. There will also be an open house on Aug. 29 from

to 7:30 p.m.
For information call 993-

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Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller, third from left, prepares to cut the ribbon on the new Seventh Street Bridge as Facilities Manager Mickey McGahec, Vice Mayor D. Bill Mathis, Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson and City Engineer Jeff Renault look on

City of Belle Glade unveils completed projects

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The Sun will feature in depth profiles on all the the candidates in the upcoming weeks.

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By Tracy Whirls Associate Editor

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A ride-along with Palm Beach
County code enforcement

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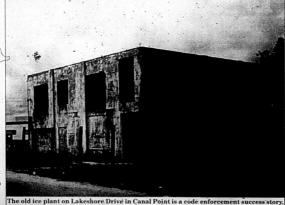
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The old ice plant on Lakeshore Drive in Canal Point is a code enforcement success stor according to Palm Beach County building inspector Dean Wells. The owner plans t renovate the building and turn it in to a storage facility.

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Pahokee students recognized for outstanding skills in national competition

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state level before they advance to the national level. Jaketta Taylor and Kanysha Smith, both 2000 graduates of Pahokee Middle Senior High, received a gold medâl in the Applied Technology event. This event recognizes the dramatic

impact of technology. The tear event recognizes participants who develop a project using technology and show evidence of problem solving, critical thinking and integration of applied communication, math applied communication, math, and/or science skills in a fami-ly and consumer sciences or related occupations area. Their medal was presented at a recognition session honoring all participants at the Marriott World Center Hotel in Orlando July 12. uly 12.

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Jaketta is the daughter of Kerr Richardson and grand-daughter of Catherine Russ. Kanysha is the granddaughter of Johnnie Smith. Three other members, junior Rashonda Warren, and seniors Jacqueline Denton and Sa-mantha Brockman attended the conference to learn leader. mantha Brockman attended the conference to learn leader-ship skills and more about FCCLA National programs. Pahokee Middle Senior High School Principal May Camble attended the meeting as well.



Pictured, left to right are Kanysha Smith, Advisor Suzan Close and Jaketta Taylor

FCCLA advisors are Su Close and Richard Willis Suzan P.

Close and Richard Willis.

The STAR Events program of FCCLA is based on the belief that all people are winners. Competition, evaluation and Competition, evaluation and recognition all stress cooperation as the basis of success. Both youth and adults work together as managers of the

Pahokee High School events and as evaluators of the

participants.

Throughout the year, FCCLA members tackle issues such as youth violence prevention, traffic safety, family relations and much more. FCCLA programs enrich student learning, improve self-esteem and serve students with a range of ability levels, economic situations

and cultural influences.
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a dynamic and effective national student organization that student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education. The organization has nearly 220,000 members from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Since its found-Virgin Islands. Since its founding in 1945, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America has involved more than 10 million youth.

Family, Career and Com-munity Leaders of America is unique among youth organiza-tions because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only national in-school organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities help mem-

Clewiston Theatre 863-983-6494

Wed - Thur Aug 2-3 Scary Movie

Aug 2-10 Me Myself & Irene

Aug 4-10 Kevin Bacon in Hollow Man_(R) Pokemon 2

Northside Drive In Next to Shell Factory (Bus 41) N. Fort Myers 941-995-2254 Now Showing Aug 2-10 8:30 Eddie Murphy Nutty Professor II The Klumps (PGIS)

Terry s Restaurant US 27-South Bay Open 7:30 am - 12 midnight During Summer

Farm Share has record year distributing produce

rm Share Inc. has recovered and distributed record numbers of and distributed record numbers of fresh produce for the fiscal year 1999-2000. Over 12 million pounds of fresh produce was recov-ered this year from Florida's farm-ers to feed the children, elderly, ers to feed the childre and disabled of Florida.

"Farm Share Inc. serves as a vital link to mitigate the losses of Florida's farmers and to provide nutritious food to needy people," said Allyson Albregts, director of community development for Farm Share Inc. Over 116 tractor loads

counties throughout the state of counties inrougnout the state of Florida. Soup kitchens in Georgia, Mississippi, New York and North Carolina were also recipient's of Florida's harvest. The distribution of produce to these states was funded through a United Parcel

us. We suspassed records in terms of participation in the counties we served," said Patricia Robbins, president and chief executive officer of Farm Share Inc. "Our urban base was supplemented by small

aided by efforts from various churches. Their commitment to serving the needy is commenda-ble, "aid Mx Robbins.

We have very generous spon-sors, such as Publix Superma-rkets, Kraft Foods, the Florida Tomato Exchange, and the Florida Department of Agriculture."

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to hold Glades National Night Out Against Crime Aug. 9

Join the dedicated men and women of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office along with resi-dents of our communities Wednesday Aug. 9 from 6-9 p.m. as they come together to display their partnership in making Palm Beach County a safer place to live.

The National Night Out Against Crime celebration will be held at Pioneer Park, SR 715 in Belle Glade.

It's a great night for kids and families and best of all it's free Among planned: the activities

•Free hot dogs and cokes
•Free pony rides for kids
•Free face-painting clowns

Free moonwalk/jump house
 Free kids fingerprinting

•See the k-9 dogs, mounted unit, boats and helicopter •Free t-shirts to the first 100

ing place all over the country, so let's show that we care the most by turning out the

largest crowd.

For more information, phone 996-1677.

Junior Achievement shows youth how to be successful

Junior Achievement shows youth the path to successful careers through sports and entertainment

It's a given that while many kids dream of being the next Michael Jordan or Lauryn Hill, relatively few can achieve the celebrity status and acclaim of these stars. However, an inno-

vative program offered by Junior Achievement will show more than 1,200 middle and high school students from Palm Beach County the business side of sports and entertainment, a side that is all too often over-looked. Called Building looked. Achievement through Sp and Entertainment (BA ment (BASE)

the program has received funding from the Quantum Foun dation and will be present in

over 40 classes and after school programs this school year. The Junior Achievement BASE program uses local volunteer classroom consultants from the entertainment and sports industries to engage stu-

Please bring your news items to The Sun by noon Friday for the following week's newspaper

Professionalism

dent's attention through activiopment Junior Achievement's mission is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise and entrepre-neurship, understand business and eco nomics and be work-

rce ready.

For more information on the unior Achievement BASE program, please contact Nathan Washer at (561).242-9468.



Anthony Azama, coortor for Citrus Sports, v guest speaker at l Glade Rotary recently.

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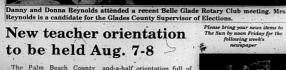
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School District is working on the final touches for this year's New Teacher Orientation, "Teaching in Paim Beach County: A promis-ing Adventure," which will be held at William T. Dwyer Community High School Aug. According to Instructional

Employment Services, for the employment Services, for the upcoming school year 2000-2001, Palm Beach County School District will welcome approximately 550-600 new teachers in all academic

areas.
The departments of School Improvement and Instructional Employment Services are preparing a day-

and-a-half orientation full of helpful topics for new teachers and teachers new to Palm Beach County. Sessions will include subjects on educator's support programs, legal rights and responsibilities, code of ethics and others. Also, pre-sentations will be made on school safety, equity opportu-nity, student services, the art

of speaking, media resources and multicultural awareness. Participants will be able to visit information booths for services in Palm Beach County such as housing, utili-

ties, financial, etc.

For more information please contact Mark Stenner at Instructional Employment Services at (561) 357-7637.



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REGISTER NOW!

What's good for the soul may also help the body



in a recent

in a recent issue of Time Magazine cited a study which found that people, who have others praying for them are more likely to recover from a serious illness than those who aren't mentioned in oraver a serious illness than those who aren't mentioned in prayer

circles.

This is just the latest in a series of research that has shown the positive power of prayer in regard to health and well being.

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An earlier study indicated that people who attend church services regularly can reduce their stress levels and thus lower their risk of heart problems. According to the study, even if the subjects don't consider themselves "religious," just attending the services is good for their health.

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The researchers theorized

that the community support at church, services can help reduce stress levels. I also remember a survey done of Americans age 100 and older. The researchers wanted to find out if these long-lived folks had anything in common.

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They did find several factors in common. One common factor

in common. One common factor among these very old folks was a deep faith.

They didn't share the same religion, but they all had faith in a higher power. (They also all eat breakfast every day.)

It's something to think about.

Lee Mikell (left) accepts congratulations as incoming Rotary Club president from out-going president Brandon Markham. Photo by Ed Rongjoni

ER Chronicles: Hard work,



Stauffer, MD Brian knew the work would be hard, but he was happy to have the job. He had land-

Arien R. Stauffer, MD that job with the roofing crew by being persistent. He had bills to pay, and the daily, phone calls to the roofing boss finally paid off. This morning he would start.

By 10 a.m., Brian's hands were sore. The lifting, pushing, celimbing, and hustling was even harder than he had imagined.

"Whew," Brian exclaimed

noon as he plopped down under a shade tree for lunch.

The boss just smiled with an understanding look. He had already been through several assistants this sumper.

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Brian downed the last of the water from his small jug with his lunch sandwich. He couldn't believe how much sweat had rolled off his body in just these first four hours. He sighed,

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Looking for volunteers The advisory committee of Potluck in the Muck is looking for citizens who wish to participate in the next Potluck in the Muck performance.

Various duties are available for anyone who wishes to help, including making costumes, singing, selling tickets, build-

ing the set, preparing food for the staff or many other things. The play will be performed September 23 and 24 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Cen

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then returned to his post, fling-ing more shingles over his sore right shoulder and climbing that ladder again. There were

that ladder again. There were bills to pay.

The afternoon sun was relentless. By 1:30 p.m., Brian felt queasy, at 2:00 he wasn't sure he had the strength to make it up the ladder, but he did. There was no breeze.

The dizziness at 2:30 became actual staycering. At 3 n.m.

actual staggering. At 3 p.m., Brian stopped at the hase of the ladder and vomited. He sat down and closed his eyes as the boss approached.

This Florida heat wave had created several patients each day in the Ocean's Hospital ER this week, and today was no exception. One elderly woman had been admitted this afternoon with a temperature of 105.6 degrees, and there were still three patients in the ER getting IV fluids and cooling down. This Florida heat wave had

His boss helped Brian through the doors. The cool air in the ER felt like ice on Brian's hot skin as he sat in the triage nurse's chair

ter. Rehearsals begin in August

with an entirely new play.

Anyone who would like to participate should call Sandy Mercer at GCDC, 992-9500.

C.O.P. members to meet
The regular monthly meeting
for all members of Pahokee
(O.P. (Citizens: Observer
Patrol) Unit 77, will be held
Monday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. in the
City of Pahokee Commission
Chambers, 171 North lake
Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pahokee
, All members are asked to

sewage treatment capacity to

ten million gallons, up from the original six, and has the future

"I think he over-heated," the boss remarked as emergency nurse Linda approached. The boss then headed back toward the job site. Brian felt unsteady as Linda pointed to the bed in Room 14, and he thought he would vomit again as he reclined onto the cool sheet. His head was pound-ing.

"Hey, Doc," Linda said as she They, Doc, Linda said as she carried Brian's chart toward the physicians' desk. "Here's another heat victim."

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez looked up at the papers on the clipboard.

"Oh, his temp is 101," she said in a matter-of-fact tone. This was becoming quite repetitive the past few days.

"Has this one been working outdoor too?"

"Yup. And Phil is starting an IV line on him now." Cortez walked into Room 14.

After introductions, she began examining Brian, and re-checking his blood pressure and

t rate. rian, it looks like you have developed heat exhaustion. We're checking a few blood tests for you, and well be

attend in uniform. If the riding time of members is not increased monthly, there is a possibility the C.O.P. unit will be disbanded.

Anyone who would like to e a member is also invit-

ed to attend this meeting.

For further details call Rev.
Patricia Wallace at 996-1692 before 4 p.m. or at 924-7030.

PHS registration Pahokee Middle/Senior High School will hold registrati August 11 from noon until 6

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replenishing the fluids that you've lost today."
Brian looked up at the doctor, and attempted a small smile.
"OK, Dec," he said softly.
"When your stomach settles down a bit, we'll try some oral fluids."
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Cortez went back to her other patients. Brian took some slow deep breaths, and the nausea

Seemed to be passing.
Over the next 90 minutes,
Phil replaced empty IV bags
with full ones twice. Brian was
feeling stronger as he sipped on a can of Gatorade.

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Cortez stopped back into
Room 14, noting that Brianappeared much better.

Brian, you look like you're
perking up quite a bit."

"Yeah, Doc. I'm about-back to
normal now. Can I get out of
here?"

Cortez checked Brian's vital

signs again, then looked through the lab test results.

"Brian, you should be able to go home pretty soon, but we need to talk about how this happened." Cortez pulled a

chair up alongside the bed.

She heard about Brian's first day on the job, and how he had p.m. Parents must accompany

tudents during registration Uniforms are mandatory for students in grades 7 and 8 attending Pahokee Middle Senior High School this year. Also, if immunizations are up to date, students will not be allowed to register. They must

also bring proof of immuniza-tion to the registration.

For more information, cal the school at 924-6400

Registration at BGE Registration for students at

Baker Property on the corner of Main Street and Avenue L., to increase water pressure and volume in that area. That will increase water pressure and volume in that area. That will be a tremendous help, both for

run out of water by noon.

"But, Doc, I gotta work. I need the money bad."

They discussed fluid replacement, and the early, subtle signs of heat illness. Cortez told him about the two elderly patients who had died from the this week in the apart-ts just down the street.

"OK, Doc. I get the picture," Brian admitted. "You can bet I won't screw up like this again. I really gotta work."

Although he still had a little

headache, Brian was released from the ER by 6:00 p.m. He drove straight to Wal-Mart, and bought a very large water jug with his last \$10 bill.

He had to work. There were,

after all, bills to pay.

Although the human body has some remarkable mecha-nisms for dealing with heat, and has the ability to become acclimated to high environmen-tal temperatures after repeated exposures, illness and death due to heat remain quite com-

while millions experience heat cramps, a mild form of heat illness, some go on to

Belle Glade Elementary School begins Aug. 7. Students and their parents can register Aug. 7-11 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.r 7-11 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can also register on Aug. 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and again on Aug. 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents are also reminded their child will need to wear the school uniforms at information, call

he school at 993-4490.

more serious heat-related dis-ease. Heat exhaustion, with its dizziness, weakness, malaise, muscle aches, headache, and vomiting, requires urgent treatment. Heatstroke, characterized by soaring body temper-atures (105 degrees and higher) and dysfunction of the brain

and nervous system, is fre-quently fatal. It is estimated that more than 4000 victims die each year in America from heat illness, and heat-related death rates are highest among the elderly and the very young

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physiwww.fcep.org

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According to Eric Lewis, Community Development director, the city received a \$116,000 grant from the county potential to be expanded to treat 12 million gallons. The rehabilitate the building ich was donated to the city new facility also received a number of technical improv ments, including improve-ments to the oxidation ditches, by Homer and Dolly Hand. Upstairs, six efficiency apart-ments have been remodeled to better screening of wastes and the installation of a computerprovide housing for low income residents. Downstairs, the ized control system which will police department substation, manned by Sgt. Jeff Walker and Officer Ezekial Cano, allow the plant manager operate pumps and engines more efficiently. The project also included con-struction of a \$3.1 million injecserves as an afterschool pro-gram for neighborhood chiltion well where treated wastewater is stored. Sgt. Walker said the substa-Tate said the recently tion has been successful, enrolling 120 children from the neighborhood, 40-60 a day, in ompleted projects, the bulk set which were financed by the city through bond issues, are only the latest in a series of improvements the city is planthe mentoring program which nelps them develop a positive image of the police, while help-ing to improve their academic

Work is currently underway on the Canal Street Bridge on SR 715, to correct structural deficiencies, as part of a greater od police presence in the repaying project that extends to the City of Pahokee, to elped to reduce the drug has helped to reduce the drug trafficking and prostitution that were rampant in the area, the sergeant said.

The final stop on the city's ribbon-cutting tour was the improve links between the com-munities, Mr. Tate said.

During the next year, the city will be looking at street improvements, particularly those that are hardest hit. They will be repairing the bridge at Glade View Elemen-Waste Water Treatment Facili-ty on W. Canal Street. The nearly \$11 million project included \$7.8 million in improvements to the plant, which will bring the plant's tary, constructing a new police department storage facility,

resurfacing airport runways and installing guardrails along Canal Street. One of the more highly visi-ble projects, Mr. Tate said, will water service and fire protec-tion," Mr. Tate added. be the construction of a new ater storage facility at the old



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ou are not required to give your name. While we cant you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves
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Park condition

This letter is written in reference to the condition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Pahokee. I feel the upkeep and condition of this park is outrageous

e as citizens idle and allow our park to continue to deteriorate and allow our park to continue to deteriorate and eventu-ally be destroyed? This park is named after a great man and this is how we show trib-ute, appreciation and respect for the things he has done? We as citizens should be calling city hall every day until something is done to improve and maintain the park

I have observed trees that need to be trimmed, dangerous playground equipment, potholes in the pawement and unutgrass. City-officials for far too long have neglected this park. I find it very funny that any outdoor events planned for the citizens are always in this park. The condition of MLK Park is always a top priority issue during election time. Elected officials do not hesitate to hold events in the park where they feel it will get them notoriety in the black community.

I have personally spoken with several citizens of Pagkoke who also expressed concern for this issue. These citizens informed me the condition of the park has been brought to the attention of the mayor and the vice mayor. These same elected officials assured them there would be a change. have observed trees that need to be

assured them there would be a change.

I realize our elected officials are not responsible for the day to day operation of the city, but it's time out for some of the excuses that are being given to our citizens, such as (1) leads of paranese. (9) leads of such as (1) lack of employees, (2) lack of equipment, and, (3) waiting on money from

grants.
It's time to stop playing politics and put to rest these excuses. We as citizens deserve to at least have a safe, clean*park within our city that we all can be proud of. I implore and challenge the city commission and city employees to do better up, keep on all our parks, year round, and not just during election time.

closing, I would like to thank the group that planted the flowers in Martin Luther King Park over the weekend. Concerned citizen."

Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck

responds: "I agree we had a problem keeping up with the grass at MLK, but I believe this has been corrected and we will be trimming the trees. We take the park very seriously all the time, not only during elections. We have spent over \$150,000 in the last two We have spent over \$150,000 in the last two years on improvements and will be spending another \$150,000 this year for additional improvements. These will include lighting for the new ball field and new playground equipment.

We appreciate the concern of citizens like you and would be thankful for any assistance we can get from the community in helping us keep the park clean and beautiful."

Living at campground free

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Thave a question for the city manager of
Pahokee. You have three city employees and
a commissioner living free of charge in the
campground. Is this an employment benefit
that is offered to all employees?
Also, I thought there was a limit on how
long a camper could stay in the campground
regardless of who it is. Isn't there some kind
of law against using public funds and public
property for personal gain?

Get the facts straight
"I'm calling in regards to the Pahokee
firefighter quoted in a front page story of
The Sun on July 27.

Ine Sun on July 21.

I don't know who, or what department they were referring to when they said a department of comparable size and area was paying their beginner firefighters \$10.25 per hour.

Well; not in Belle Glade. They are paid \$8.025 per Medical Parks.

\$9.23 to start. He should know that and get his facts straight before asking for any-

Do it on your own time

This is regarding school crossing guards. Someone needs to tell them that if they ant to carry on conversations with their want to carry on conversations with their boyfriends, or flirt, to do it on their win-time, not while they are supposed to be helping the children across the street. We, the people-flave things to do also. We do not need to have to sit and wait while they carry conversations the

they carry on conversations with men. Thank you."

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EVERY TIME I PASS THIS STORE I THINK ABOUT YOUR FATHER."

Be respectful when trying to help survivors of child sexual abuse

By Kathie Dickenson Radford University

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One out of five women and one out of seven
men experienced at least one incident of sexual
assault as a child. For some, the effects of those
childhood incidents have trailed them for years.
Friends or family members who learn of a
child abuse survivor's experience may be eager
to help them or to guide them toward help, but
those impulses should be tempered by respect
for the survivor's wishes, says-Ann Elliott, a psychology professor at Radford University. "Don't
go in with pre-concived notions about what
they need, she says. "Instead, listen and find
out what they need or want. Some may want to
talk about it, while others may not. Some may
prefer to talk about it with friends or family,
while others may prefer to talk about it with a
counselor."

Understanding the effects of child sexual abuse can help both former victims and their friends and families.

Just as the circumstances of sexual assault Just as the circumstances of sexual assault can yary greatly, there is a highly diverse set of ceptoness by victims, says Elliott. 'Some experience very high levels of stress,' she says, 'while others appear to have few if any symptoms. Many are in the middle.'
"Not everyone is severely traumatized,' agrees Isaac Van Patten, who teaches criminal justice at Radford, 'but of those who are, the destructive effects are ubiquitous.'

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Some of the more common long-term effects of Sexual assauls include:

difficulty establishing trust at a level neces-sary fet true intimacy

post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

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- * symptoms of anxiety and fear, such as panic attacks

- depression low self esteem sexual dysfunction
- pattern of becoming a victim in abusive rela-

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One important factor in determining whether
a child who is abused develops such symptoms is
the strength of the child's social support system.
Are there, adults who, reinforce the child's selfworth and make him or her feel safe? The term
'social support system,' says Elliott, has a broad
definition. If could mean a parent, another
friend or relative, a teacher, or another positive
white.

adult."

Of all the possible symptoms, "none occur in more than 20-30 percent of victims," says Elliott, "except PTSD, which occurs in approximately 50 percent." Of course, she adds, exhibiting the symptoms doesn't necessarily signal a history of sexual abuse. For example, depression can have many causes, and PTSD can stem from a variety of traumatic experiences.

One common misconception about those who were executally abused its that they are destined to become abusers themselves. This is a myth," says Elliott. "Just look at the statistics: At least 80 percent of sexual abuse victims are women,

yet 80-90 percent of perpetrators are men. The best estimates suggest that only 20-30 percent of perpetrators have a history of sexual abuse." Many adult survivors who struggle with the effects of abuse do not seek help for their problems. Often this is because of trust issues, says Van Patten: By definition, therapy is an intimate, though non-sexual, relationship." Other obstacles to seeking help may be victims 'fear of being disbelieved or fear that they are not "worthy. Realizing that their reluttance to seek help stems from the very abuse that caused their problems may help adults decide to take the first difficult step toward support.

difficult step toward support.

When a survivor does decide to seek help, finding the right kind is important. "Help is available through both public and private sector providers," says Van Patten, "and in a variety of formats from the first provider of the sector of

ing the right kind is important. Help is availed able through both public and private sector providers, says Van Patten, and in a variety of formatis, from support groups to intense individual psychotherapy. The private sector, he says, offers more choices but is also more costly. Some health insurance plans will cover a portion of counseling costs. Community service agencies usually offer young, enthusiastic clinicians with less experience, but they are substantially less expensive, "says Van Patten.

The search can begin with contacting a community service board or a local women's shelter. For private clinicians the yellow pages, a family doctor, or word of mouth recommendations can yield good results. Recommendations from members of a support group can be especially helpful. In choosing a therapist, Van Patten encourages taking a consumerist approach. Have an initial meeting with the therapist to try them out, he says. Many private clinicians will agree to a reduced fee session for an introductory meeting. Respect, your own gut feeling about a therapist. If you get a bad whie from the first meeting it probably won't get better. This is your therapy, so don't worry about hurting anyone's feelings. Just say no thanks' and move on to the heat one. But don't quit trying until you find a good fit. "Elliott adds that a therapist who specializes in or has extensive experience with secular value of the property of the pattern of the property of the pattern of the pattern

see the abuse in their past from a new perspec-tive. 'A person may be thinking, 'This horrible thing happened to me, so I'm a damaged-person, unworthy of respect, but they can learn to think, 'Okay, this horrible thing happened. But the fact that it happened doesn't mean I'm a bad person.' They can learn to take control of their thoughts and facilizes about the abuse instruction.

that it happened disease the control of their thoughts and feelings about the abuse instead of the abuse controlling them, the says. Learning these skills usually takes the help of a therapist and practice on the part of the client, but with patience, sexual abuse survivors can overcome many of the cumulative effects of their experience.



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Unraveling the mystery of severe storms



I remember the first time I talked with Ted Fujita. He had

A remember the max time in the laked with Ted Fujita. He had just given a speech to the American Meteorological Society's annual convention in Los Angeles describing his damage survey from Hurricane Andrew. In that speech, Dr. Fujita said that the terrible destruction from Andrew was caused, in part, by brief, intense bursts of winds that may have topped 200 mph. I phoned Fujita at the University of Chicago trequest a copy of his study. "There is no copy," he told me. The study is not written down somewhere. It's in my head."

In 1994, Fujita finally got around to putting things down on paper with the publication of his book, Mystery of Severe Storms.

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It's amazing he found time to write this book at all since Fujita spent most days looking through a camera lens from a small airplane. What was he doing up there? He was taking pictures as part of an aerial survey of storm damage.

From those pictures, Fujita made a number of significant discoveries. He was the first

man to put the winds of a torhado in perspective when he reated the Fujita Tornado ntensity Scale in the late

n, no one re Up until the they they come they come they come they come they come scientists thought the winds might approach the speed of sound, about 738 mph. Fujita, based on his aerial photographs, determined the highest wind in a torsade would be within the come of th tornado would be just over

300 mph. Fujita's scale correlates damage with wind speeds by ranking the tornado from zero to six. An F1 tornado, for example, has winds ranging from 73 to 112 mph and will cause moderate damage. Mobile homes will be knocked off their foundations, trees will be uproted and moving cark will be pushed and moving cark will be rushed. dations, trees will be uprooted and moving cars will be pushed off the road. By the way, an F1 tornado is the most common tornado in Florida. On the other hand, an F3

On the other hand, an F3 tornado packs winds of 158 to 206 mph and will cause severe damage to any structure. F3 tornadoes will knock down walls, lift heavy objects off the ground and destroy metal and masonry structures.

ground and destroy metal and masonry structures. While his tornado scale is important, Fujita's most signif-icant discovery may be some-thing called a downburst. In 1974, while conducting a damage survey following the largest outbreak of tornadoes in United States history (over 100 tornadoes in a 24 hour period), Fujita saw damage periou), Fujita saw damage patterns that drew him back to Japan.

in 1945, as an assistant professor of physics at Japans' Meiji College of Technology, Fujita studied the nuclear blasts at Nagasaki and Hiroshima. He noticed the bombs created a unique damage pattern, similar to a starburst.

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Nearly 30 years later Fujita saw that same pattern in the fields over Ohio. He realized that starburst damage pattern was created by a powerful downdraft of air from the thun-derstorm, a downdraft that hit the ground at very high speeds and spread out in every direction. Fujita called his discovery a downhurst. At first other

downburst. At first, other researchers were skeptical. To prove his theory, Fujita set up a year-long research project near Chicago. It took less than two months to confirm his theory. He detected 50 downbursts in 42 days.
Fujita's discoveries helped

architects and engineers design and build homes more resistant to high winds. He's made art travel safer too. Special instru-ments have been set up at all major airports to detect down-hursts.

Dursts.

T. Theodore Fujita was nearly 80 years old when he died in 1998. Fujita had never retired from his life long work. "I want to find ways to protect people against the wind," Fujita told

an interviewer in 1994.

It is safe to say he accomplished that goal.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBP-TV)



SonZone Discovery Center

Belle Glade Alliance Church invites all the children in the community to join them at SonZone Discovery Center.

SonZone Discovery Center.
The closing program will be
Sunday, August 13 at 7 p.m. It
will be a musical event for the
whole family. The SonZone
Discovery Center Vacation
Bible School begins August 7
and continues through August
11. It will be at the Belle Glade
Alliance Clurch, 425 East
Canal Street North from 6:30
to 8:30 p.m. It is open to Grade
K through Grade 5.
For more information, call

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Registration at Gove Gove Elementary School will be holding fall registration Monday, August 7 through Tuesday, August 15 from 10

a.m. until 2 p.m. daily.

Only a parent or legal guardian may register a student and sign the registration

form.
Students entering kindergarten and students new to the
Palm Beach County School system must present the following: Proof of residency, which
must be in the legal guardian's
name. Acceptable proof of residence includes any utility bill.
Proof of immunization on HRS
form 680 (also known as the
Bilue Card). A recent physical
examination. The child's birth
certificate. certificate

All students' health records must be up to date before the first day of school on Wednesday, August 16.

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There will be a meeting for Glades Central Class of 1991

1996 Chevu Silverado xCat to, A/C, P. Windows

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on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. at Ploneer Park pavilion.
Classmates are urged to attend and bring ideas for the 10 year celebration.

For more information call Dionne Tolbert at 996-4574

Lake Shore Middle

Lake Shore Middle
School registration
All parents/guardians will
need to register 6th/th and
8th grade students for the
2000-2001 school year at Lake
Shore Middle School. Registration will be held at the new
school on Aug.11 and 14 from
9 a.m. - 4 pm in the cafeteria.
All sixth grade students will
need to present a HRS 680
Immunization Form (Blue
Card). No physical is required.
All seventh graders will need

All seventh graders will need to have a physical. If they were in 5th grade during the 1998-1999 school year and had a physical on or after August 19, physical on or after August 19, 1998, it will be accepted for the 2000-2001 school year. Seventh grade students will also need to have started their Hepatitis B Series and have had a Tetanus Booster.

Glades Central

registration
Glades Central
Community
High School registration will
take place Aug. 3 & 4 from 8
a.m. to 3 p.m. for returning students 9-12 grade. On Monday,
Aug. 7 new students, grades
10-12 can register from 10 a.m.
to 8 p.m. to 8 p.m.

to 8 p.m.

Returning students 9-12 can register from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 8 & 9 and new 9th grade students can register from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10.

On Friday, Aug. 11, all students can register from 8 a.m. to noon/These registerations will take place in the Guidance Suite.

Ninth grade registration will take place in the Media Center on August 10. Parents are encouraged to accompany their new 9th grade students to reg-

istration and to participate in one of the orientation sessions. Session one will begin at 11 a.m. and session two will begin at 6 p.m. The orientation sessions will provide both student and parent vital information necessary to facilitate a smooth transition for all new 9th graders. All updated physical and immunization records should be brought to registration. Complete medical records are required to be on site by law for permanent school attendance.

School I.D. pictures will be taken at a cost of \$2. All stu-dents are required to wear their I.D. cards when on school

SHIP Spirit 2000 Conference

Conference
The second annual Senior
HIV Intervention Project,
SHIP Spirit 2000 conference in
the Glades, hosted by Glades
General Hospital, will feature
Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH,
Senior Advisor with the Office
of the Surgeon General,
Department of Health and
Human Services Washington. Human Services, Washington D.C. Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11

a.m.-3 p.m.
Other guest speakers during the conference include Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Miami, Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Belle Glade.

For more information, please ontact SHIP coordinator Alyx chaffer at (954) 467-4747. Free HIV tests will be given

at Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, courtesy of Glades Health Survey; at Mt. Zion AME in Belle Glade, courtesy of the C.L. Brumback Health Care Center and at a location to be announced in Pahokee. courtesy of Comprehensive AIDS program. Refreshments will be provided at all three sites courtesy of the Palm Beach County Health Care District

CRIME STOPPERS



Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Virginia Adams, who is wanted for fail-ure to appear on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and domestic battery. She is also wanted for violation. battery. She is also wanted for violation of probation on charges of driving without a valid driver's license. Adams is a black female 57" tall, and weighs 210 pounds. She has black hair and brown

eyes. Her date of birth is

February 5, 1977.

Her last known address was 612 Southwest Avenue E, Apartment 13, Belle Glade. Her occupation is unknown. Her warrant was active as of July 24, 2000.

July 24, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Virginia Adams, or anyone involved in a serious-crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated: Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the chaiges agailst likely tropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 548 complaints, gave 16 traffic citations and made 16 arrests the week of July 24-30. Those arrested included:
July 24 - No arrests made.
July 26 - Bernard Robinson, 46, loitering and prowline: Khalia Beaum, 90 abit.

July 26 - Bernard Robinson, 46, loitering and prowling; Khalia Brown, 23, child neglect; Harry Lee, 28, domestic battery. July 27 - Terrance Coffie, 30, resisting an officer without violence, possession of drug paraphernalia and fathure to appear on charges of possession of drug narapherpalia paraphernalia and taiture to appear on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. July 28 - Jose Angel Ramos, 40, possession of cocaine and failure to appear on charges of violation of the open container law. July 29 - Kerry Evans, 27, possession marijuana under 20 grams, Oliyer Brown, 60, contempt of court; Andrew Sutherland, 77 positistic aroset without indexes Lauren

60, contempt of court; Andrew Sutherland, 27, resisting arrest without violence; Lavern Cooper, 40, trespassing after warning. Java Devenzo Cooper, 40, trespassing after warning. Java Devenzo Cooper, 40, trespassing after warning minors to patronize, visit, or lotter in a dance hall; Jose Flores, 23, possession of a vehicle with VIN-plate removed; Katrian Mitchell, 27, theft of a prescription drug; Darhajin Odums, 25, violation of probation, possession of cocaine with intent to sell; Alexander Perkins, 20, six. counts of attempted first degree murder; counts of attempted first degree murder, Henry Williams, Jr., 56, disorderly intoxi-cation; James Jones, 22, violation of a tem-porary injunction for domestic violence.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made e arrests the week of July 24-30. Those arrested included:

July 24 - James Demps, 20, resisting arrest without violence; Nora J. Steele, 22, domestic battery.

July 25 - No arrests made.

July 26 - No arrests made.

July 27 - No arrests made. July 28 - Raymond Allen, 30, aggravated

July 29 - Nathan Y. Smith, 44, driving while under the influence; Kelvin Williams, 38, resisting agrest without violence.
July 30 - No arrests made.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 163 calls, issued 11 traffic citations and made eight arrests the week of July 24-30. Those arrested included:

arrested included:
July 24 - Vincent Davis, 32, violation of the
open container law and obstructing and
opposing an officer, Robert Schnarr, 19,
battery in a detention center.
July 25 - Robert Coney, 37, burglary and
order paraphernalia; Keshia
Wright, 27, burglary.
July 26 - No arrests made.
July 27 - No arrests made.
July 29 - Mitchell Lampley, 39, possession
of marijuana under 20 grams and a warrant

July 29 - Mitchell Lampley, 39, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and a warrant for armed burglary and aggravated battery; Betty Jackson, 35, failure to appear, in court; Charles Morrison, 46, aggravated batter and aggravated assault with a freedom.

July 30 - Ruben Castillo, 23, driving while

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 10 arrests the week of July 25-30. Those arrested included:

July 25 - No arrests July 26 - No arrests

July 27 - Cynthia Vaillancourt, 47, Pahokee, warrant for failure to appear. July 28 - James J. Jones, 20, Pahokee, bat-tery on a pregnant woman. Tony Lee Kinsler, 22, Pahokee, fleing or attempt to elude, reckless driving, driving while license

suspended.

July 29 - No arrests made.

July 30 - No arrests made.

The Dog Days of Summer are Here! Check Out These HOT, HOT Deals!





1998 Chevy Cavalier Sedan \$7.999

1999 Chevy Venture LS \$18.299

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1995 Oldsmobile Cierra SL Sedan \$6,599

1995 Olds Delta 88 Royale \$6.999 1996 Buick Regal Custom Sedan

\$7,999 1997 Chevy Silverado



Youth for Christ return from mission trip to Jamaica

By Vera Weeks
Mid-July saw 16 Glades
Central and Pahokee High
School students, all members School students, all members of Youth for Christ, flying to Savanna-La-Mar, near Ocho Rios on the southwest coast of Jamaica for a week of mis-sionary work that including holding services in 12 churches as well as street preaching and painting a

school.

The group also conducted Vacation Bible School in two locations and distributed a large shipment of clothing that had been donated by contributors in the Glades.

The young missionaries were praised everywhere for their good conduct and hard

work.

The Glades students were impressed by the lack of material goods and conveniences that are taken for granted here in the states, such as television, telephones and hot water to name a few.

Many lessons were

Hearned, according to Luc St.
Hilaire who said he was
grateful for being able to
share the gospel with peopleof all ages. Wanda Adderley
of Belle Glade said she
learned how to be a real missionary in a foreign country
as well as how to be contented with what she has in any
stirution Bothw Walker. Jr. ed with what she has in any situation. Bobby Walker, Jr., of Pahokee said he had two speaking opportunities in diffeent churches, experiencing a great response from the

young people.

Desmond Harriott, Youth
for Christ Glades leader,
organized the trip and
accompanied the group along with Tommy Carrington, an international leadership consultant. Dr. Earl and Mary Hendricks, both teachers at Glades Central High School, served as leaders on the trip

The youth participating expressed their thanks to the donors in the Glades for their financial contributions

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Sixteen Glades Central and Pahokee High School students, all members of Youth for Christ, spent a week in Jamaica performing missionary work. Pictured, front row, from right, Luke St. Hilaire, Bobby Walker, Jr., second row, from left, Mona St. Hilaire, Jonathan Wallace, Tyron Fuse, Robinson Bellefleur, Wanda Adderley, Reynaisha Perry, Daphney Jackson and leader Desmond Harriott.

IYEMP sponsors youth retreat

The Inspirational Youth Enrichment and Mentoring program (IYEMP) sponsored a youth retreat for participants ranging in age from 10-18 years of age. This event was chaired and organized by Angela McLeod of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

The retreat was structured to provide a positive and nurturing environment in which to challenge attentions.

dees to work together founded with the primary mission of impacting the well as recognizing that individuality is an asset, not offering them positive, conta liability. The retreat began on Friday, July 21 with a laternatives as a means of before culminating on Sunday, July 23 had exposed all who attended to dance, theatrics, singing, as well as of many vehicles toward arts and crafts.

IYEMP, the brain child of atrics, singing, as well as arts and crafts. IYEMP, the brain child of Johnny W. Johnson, Sr. was

Fields graduates from NCO Academy

Air Force Staff Sgt. Marion B. Fields has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Goodfel-low Air Force Base in San Angelo Tayas

low Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, Sgt. Fields received instruction in advanced military leadership and management theories and respon-sibilities, physical fitness and conditioning, oral and written communication skills, supervisory roles relative to the Air Force mission and organization, human behavior concepts and problem solving, including counseling techniques and orienting new personnel in the principles, practices and tools necessary to operate in the Air Force.

sary to operate in the Air Force.
Sgt. Fields, a communications project manager, is assigned to the \$-366th Communications Squadron Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.
He is the son of Barbara L. Perkins of Belle Glade. He graduated from Glades Central High School, Belle Glade, in 1985.

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Crystal Brown makes Dean's List at FAMU

Crystal Jeshay Brown completed her first year at Florida A & M University in Tal-lahassee on the Dean's List with a 3.8 GPA.

with a 3.8 GPA.
A 1999 Glades Day School
honor graduate, Crystal is
pursuing a pharmaceutical
degree at FAMU. While at

Belle Glade; two sons, Thomas Edward Hooks, Jr. of

home-during the summer she completed coursework at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth and Florida Atlantic University in Boca

Raton.
Crystal is the daughter of
Jessie and Carolyn Brown of
Pahokee.

Obituaries

Thomas Edward Hooks,
73, of Belle Glade, died
Saturday, July 29, 2000 at
Glades General Hospital after
a lang illness. Mr. Hooks
owned and operated the family welding business for many
years. Mr. Hooks was born in
Pitts, Ga., and lived in the
Glades area for 63 years. He
attended the Belle Glade
Church of Go.
Survivors include his loving
wife, Margaret L. Hooks, of
Belle Glade; two sons, Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 1 at Glades Funeral Chapel in Belle Glade with Rev. Kenneth Arant offi-ciating. Interment followed at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clew-iston.

Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade.

Alberta Worth Landrum,
77, of Indian Hills, passed
awy Monday, July 31, 2000,
at home under the care of
Hope Hospice. She was Lorry
July 26, 1923, in Glades
County, to the pioneer family
of Albert Worth and Bertha
Bryant Worth. She moved to
the Clewistica area in 1988 to the Clewiston area in 1988 to make her residence with her

make her residence with her daughter and husband. She was a Pioneer Resident of Homestead, owning and operating the Old Dixie Dry Cleaners in South Miami. She was a parishioner of St. John's Episcopal Church in

Belle Glade. Survivors include a daugh-Survivors include a dauge ter, Nancy L. Miller of Indian-Hills, a son, Herbert R. Land-rum of Okeechobe; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, August 3,

at 11 a.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery in Okeechobee with Father Banks officiating. Akin-Davis Funeral Home-baBello Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. at 11 a.m. at the Evergreen

Jowell W. Bass. 71. died Monday; July 31, 2000 at Columbia Raulerson Hospital; Okeechobee; He was born in Canal Point, eleven days prior to the 1928 Hurgicane. We Helen C. Tulenwider. Survivors include his wife, Louise W. Kilner, In Canal Point, eleven days prior to the 1928 Hurgicane. We Helen C. Tulenwider. Survivors include his wife, to the 1928 Hurgicane. We Helen E. Tulenwider. Survivors include his wife, to the 1928 Hurgicane with survivors include his wife, Bass was a fifth Sengration to Floridian, the 'son of Rway wife kynda and Joel W. Bass and Maude Bass. He was and wife, Kelly J. of Okeeraised in Belle Glade and the state of the state o

Korean War veteran having served in the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, Florida National, Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves before his retire-ment in 1988. He was the owner of the Dixiana Restaurant in Belle Glade for 12 years. In 1968 he became restaurant in Belle Glade for 12 years. In 1968 he became an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law Edward Bobbitt. This relationship last

ers, Kenneth H. Bass and wife Rosemary and Lavon Bass and wife Gail M., of Okeechobee; and one brother-in-law, Robert C. Cumpton and wife Patsy M. of Belle Glade.

Funeral services were held today, Thursday Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. at the First United

Methodist Church of Okeechobee, with pastor Neil Gunsalus and Randy Hucka-Gunsalus and Randy Hucka-bee officiating. A private interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.



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Knikaila Thorton, a student enrolled in the AmeriTech (5) Summer Computer Camp in South Bay, gets some golf tips from golf pro Bobby Brown at the Okeeheelee Golf Course during a recent field trip.

Pahokee Recreation Department to host NYSCA Coaching Clinic Saturday

The City of Pahokee Recreation Department will be conducting a NYSCA Coaching Certification Clinic for Youth League Football Saturday, Aug. 5 from 9-11 a.m. at the City of Pahokee Community Recreation Complex. This is a mandatory training clinic for all City of Pahokee coaches and volunteers. All other Youth League. eers. All other Youth League

coaches are encouraged to attend. If there are other organizations out there looking to certify their coaches, please have them call Ron Osborne at (561) 924-2922.

Coaches certification fees are \$20. Make your check out to the City of Pahokee or National Youth Sports Coaches Associ-ation (NYSCA).

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Prescribed burn ongoing on Lake O rim

Taking advantage of low water levels in Lake Okeechobee, the South Florida Water Management District is in the process of burning about 5,000 acres of forpedo grass and dead about 5,000 and grass and dead aca trees in the area. The torpedo melaleuca

melaleuca trees in the Moore Haven area. The burning began last month. A fire "prescription" has been issued by the Florida Division of Forestry that will allow the area to be burned in order to reduce the biomass of torpedo grass and dead melaleuca trees so that herbicide treatments planned for later in the summer will be more effective. The prescribed burnelso is expected to reduce the amount of dead plant material that can fuel wildfres in the Lake fires in the Lake Okeechobee marsh. The Water Management District believes this will enhance

two feet to improve plant and animal habitat throughand animal habitat through-out the lake and especially in the lake's western and southern marshes. The goal of this "recession" manage-ment plan" is to lower the lake level to 13 feet mean sea level and maintain that level until the native sub-merged vegetation in the lake has had an opportunity to return.

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To take advantage of this lower lake level, the Lake Okeechobee Interagency Task Force has planned several habitat-related projects in the next few months. The task force includes the U.S.

and July included conducting prescribed burns, treating invasive exotic plants, and planting native vegetation. During June, more than 8,300 cypress, red maple and pond apple trees were planted in the marsh area of Lake Okeechobee where only melaleuca and Brazilian Pepper trees have thrived in recent years. thrived in recent years. Volunteers from all over the state continued to plant

the growth of native plants in the area.

In late April, the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District, Floring board of the South Florida Water Management District directed staff of Florida Water Management plaint ida Department of Environmental Protection, and the District directed staff Florida Fish and Wildlife lower the water level in Conservation Commission.

Lake Okeechobee by and the properties of Environmental Protection, and the growth of native vegetation that is more desirable for proceedings of the properties of eliminating this hardy non-native grass from Lake Okeechobee has been researched for many years. In order to maximize the effectiveness of the pre-scribed burn, it will be fol-lowed by herbicide treat-ments in about three to six weeks. About 1,000 acres of torpedo grass near Buck-head Ridge also were treat-ed with herbicide recently.

Belle Glade father-son duo win championship

Willie Lee of Belle Glade and his son Jesse of Wellington sank 15-foot birdie putts on the last two holes to pull away for a two-stroke victory Sunday in the 13th annual Palm Beach County Father-Son Champion-ship at Polo Trace Country Club.

Club.
A final round scramble score of 66 gave Team Lee a 133 and their eighth victory in 12 tries. They opened Saturday with afour-ball stroke play 67 and did not make a bogey in 36 holes on the course playing chart 62 feb. and 12 feb. 13 feb. 12 feb. 12 feb. 12 feb. 12 feb. 13 feb. 13 feb. 12 feb. 12 feb. 12 feb. 12 feb. 12 feb. 13 feb. 13 feb. 12 feb. 12 feb. 13 feb. 12 feb. 13 feb. 13 feb. 14 feb. 14 feb. 14 feb. 14 feb. 14 feb. 15 feb. 14 feb. 15 feb. 15 feb. 14 feb. 15 feb. 15

holes on the course playing about 6,350 yards.

The Lees did not play in the 1988 inaugural but won on their first try in 1989. Their other victories were in 1992 through 1995 and the last

three years.

"With the amount of golfing talent in Palm Beach County, it's unbelievable that we have

been able to hold up and win this tournament so many times," said Jesse Lee, 36, a Wellington produce broker.

Over the years their winning scores have ranged from 129 to

135.

In the opening round, Willie Lee, 60, a crop duster from Belle Glade, birdied the first and fourth holes, Jesse the 15th, 17th and 18th. Sunday, it was largely a matter of some 15th, 17th and 18th. Sunday, it was largely a matter of some big drives by Jesse and chips close to the holes by both players. After they birdied Nos. 1,8, 11 and 12, Willie sank the birdie put at 17, Jesse at 18. The tournament, sponsored by the Palm Beach County Golf Association, drew 50 teams and crutined \$2,400 in merchan-

returned \$2,400 in merchan-

dise prizes.

The Lees won \$350 in prizes for their championship endeav-



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Shawano Drainage District (the "DISTRICT") has scheduled a Board servisors Meeting for Friday, August 25, 2000 at 8:30 s.m. in the Conference Room of the Sugar Farms rative, Atlantic Sugar Mill Road, Belle Glade, Florida and intends to bold a Public Hearing during this g for the purpose of adopting its 2000/2001 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment.

The DISTRICT proposes to levy a seventeen-dollar and seventy cents (\$17.70) per-acre assessment on 16,822.43 acres of land in Unit SA within the boundaries of the DISTRICT, and a six-dollar (\$6.00) per-acre assessment on \$11.44 aces of land in Unit SB within the boundaries of the DISTRICT. This is in torease of \$550 per acre over the amount that has been levied by the DISTRICT in past years and it is contemplated that the DISTRICT will be continuing this same assessment year to year. The total revenue proposed to be collected by this assessment is \$50.791.85.

All property owners that own land within the DISTRICT have the right to appear and be heard at the Public Hearing and also the right to fife written objections to their proposed assessment with the DISTRICT within twenty (20) days of the publication of this notion. Please he artived that if a property owner decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the Public Hearing, the property owner will need to ensure, at the property owner's own expense, that a verbatim rescord of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the property owner's appeal is based.

Following the DISTRICT'S adoption of its non-ad valorem assessment roll, the DISTRICT will certify roll in accordance with Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, to the Palm Beach County Tax Golléctor for inclusion of assessments, as a separate line item, in the affected property owner's annual real property tax bill. Please be advist that, as in the past, failure to pay this assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property whim any result in a loss of title.

This notice is published as a requirement of Florida Law. We apologize if this notice causes any confusion to an affected property owner, but the DISTRICT must follow certain statutorily imposed conditions as to the information that must be shown in this notice. In order to assist you in anxwering any questions you may have regarding information contained in this notice, the DISTRICT would appreciate your either whiting to the DISTRICT at 245 Royal Palm Way, Suite 200, Palm Bach, Florida 34304, Ametionic Charles F. Schoech; calling the DISTRICT at (561) 655-6620; or, E. Mailling the DISTRICT at floridalaw@earthlink.oet.

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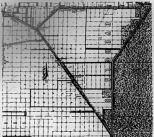
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assistant principal while attending classes to become certified.
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"Education has been very kind to me. i may appear to be a jock, but education has been the key to my success. I consider myself an educator-only now I can lead more people, teach them to share my vision," Mr. Manning said.

Central to that vision, the former football coach said, is excellance both on and

off the field.

off the field. "Glades Central is recognized for being highly competitive on the football field. We have to take that competitive attitude and put it in the classroom." Mr. Manning said. "When I was a coach, that was my message to my players-you have to be a student athlete. You have to create a balance. I don't want to take away from what's good, but use what's good to motivate them good, but use wants good to motivate use to do better. Focus on what we can do for our kids. We cannot accept being second to anyone or anything."

To help him acheive this vision, Mr. Manning has recruited a veteran adminis-

trative staff:

•Lavoris Taylor Smith returns to Glades Central as an assistant principal for administration, charged with improving

student achievement.

•Coach Willie McDonald continues as

 dean of students and assistant principal
 Deborah Johnson, a native of Belle
Glade and a colleague of Mr. Manning at
Spanish River High School is the third
assistant principal, and will supervise the assistant principal, and with supervise the beginning teacher program and supervise discipline for twelfth graders.

•Former head football coach Milton

Watson will be in charge of tenth graders while Asia Williams will serve as adminis-trative assistant over the ninth grade

trative assistant over the hinth grade academy. Working together as a team, *Mr. Manning said, the new administration's goal is to get the school back to the status it once enjoyed.

"Two things are not negotiable," he said.

"Kids must be in class and teachers must teach effectively."

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Toward that end; the new principal has instituted a new tardy policy which will be strictly enforced.

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was the popular thing for kids to be out of
class, because their were no consequences,"
Mr. Manning said. "We'll give them the
first couple of days to learn where their
classes are. Then, when they're not in
class when the bell rings, they'll have to come back to the office to get a detention notice. If they don't return to class, that becomes a higher order discipline infrac-tion," the former coach explained. Failure to attend assigned detention will lead to

suspencion.

Teachers are expected to begin teaching as soon as the bell rings.

Mr. Manning said he plans to meet with each class, beginning with the seniors, the first day of school.

He asiked parents to begin working with students now, to insure that they come to school "properly dressed, being account-able for textbooks, lab fees and materials."

"Talk to them about being respectful--of themselves, of their peers as well as adults. I have high expectations," he said.



Glades Central Community High School hosted a reception Tuesday to introduce the new administrative staff this fall. Pictured, left to right are Gwen Asia Williams, 9th grade administrator; Assistant. Principal Deborah Johnson, Principal Derrick Manning, Community Education Coordinator Dr. Clarence Fuller, Assistant Principal Lavoris Taylor Smith and Assistant Principal Willie McDonald. (Photo by Tracy Whirls) (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

Correction:

In a story in last week's Sun, Glades Central High School quarterback Curtis Holley was misidentified. We regret the error.



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